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Len Walker comments

As we looked forward and prepared for the replay of our F.A. Cup match at Chesterfield last Wednesday, we looked back on our game at Newport, and wondered how we came away without a point. Playing some of the best football we had played this season in heavy, muddy conditions, we outplayed the opposition for most of the game and yet two free kicks given against us in front of goal produced two goals which sent us away pointless. Nevertheless, the performance by the whole team was most encouraging and if they can keep this form going, we will soon be away from the danger area in the League. It was particularly heartening to see Eric Probert play most of the second half and show that he is now fully recovered from his leg injury which has kept him out of first-team football for seven weeks. With a small squad such as we have, it always make life more difficult when key players are injured.

The results of 1-0 in our favour in the 1st Round Cup replay was an all-round team effort.

At Chesterfield the team gave their utmost to get another home tie, this time Chester, who we have met many times in the Cup and in the League. However, I know it was a hard game as Chesterfield showed they were a useful side when they played the first match at Feethams.

One of the biggest disappointments at Feethams has been the low gates. I know the results this season have not been as good as we would all have liked, but when things are not going quite right, this is the time when the team could do with most encouragement, and as you know we have recently been spending a considerable amount of money in attempting to strengthen the team. I feel that now we can look forward to better times.

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Looking Back



A sight not seen at Feethams for many seasons is the vulpine features of Carlisle United's fox mascot. Here we see the captains of the two sides, Brian Henderson of Darlington, and Tommy Passmoor of Carlisle, meeting before an encounter about twenty years ago. Indeed the last time Carlisle played here in a competitive match was on 14th December, 1963, when they returned north jubilant after defeating us 6-1. That season they went on to win promotion from the Fourth and the following season won the Third Division. After consolidating themselves in Division Two, they finally reached the heights of Division One in 1974, and shocked the football world by winning their first three games to go top of the First Division. However the pace was too much for them and they were sadly relegated at the end of the season, and after two seasons in the Second dropped back to the Third in 1977.

Altogether we have met the Cumbrians in twenty-nine seasons of League competition since they were elected to the League in 1928, in favour of Durham City. Another tense tussle was in the first round of the F.A. Cup in 1955, when we drew 0-0 at Feethams on 19th November, and then became history makers by playing the first F.A. Cup-tie under floodlights at Brunton Park the following Tuesday. Another draw resulted and the second replay was staged at St. James' Park, Newcastle, on 28th November, when 34,257 spectators saw us triumph 3-1.

Let us hope it is not long before our rivalry with the Cumbrians is revived — hopefully — in Division Three!



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Encounters

Today we welcome Wigan Athletic to Feethams for the first time. Yet this is not the first time we have encountered a team from Wigan in League competition, as Wigan Borough were founder members of the old Third Division North along with us in 1921. Alas, they only remained in the League for ten full seasons, as they were forced to resign in October, 1931, due to financial difficulties, after playing only a dozen games in their eleventh League campaign. Their record that season was expunged and no new team took their place that season. Unfortunately the Quakers had already played them at home on 19th September, registering a win and so two points were lost. Ironically the team that went top of that revised League table was none other than Southport—who lost their League place to Wigan Athletic last summer. Of the eight League

games played at Feethams from 1921 to 1931 (Darlington, remember, had two seasons in Division Two from 1925-27), seven were won by the Quakers and only one in 1930-31 by Wigan. Our visits to Springfield Park saw us win one, draw three and lose the other four. So now after forty-seven years we can renew our rivalry with Wigan and look forward to many future encounters.

It is interesting to note that the Quakers have not lost the first home match with a team new to the League since the war. Last season we kept up this record when we defeated Wimbledon 3-1 in October, and in March, 1973, drew 2-2 with Hereford United. Before that newcomers Cambridge United were beaten 2-0 in March, 1971, while Oxford were despatched 2-1 in September, 1962. Peterborough made their first visit on Boxing Day, 1960, and gained a 2-2 draw and finally Workington, newcomers in 1951, were beaten 2-1 in March, 1952.

Welcome to Wigan Athletic



Back row: K. Smart, P. Houghton, N. Davids, G. Gay, J. Brown, F. Corrigan, N. Ward, J. Hinnigan, J. Wright.
Front row: I. McNeill (Manager), A. Crompton, I. Sedden, T. Gore, I. Gillibrand, J. Wilkie, I. Purdie, K. Banks (Trainer)

JOHN BROWN

Aged 30. Ex-Preston and Stockport goalkeeper, now in his third season with Wigan. Height 5'11". Weight 12½ stone.

KEVIN SMART

Aged 19. Signed in close season on a free transfer from Plymouth Argyle. Made nine Second Division appearances and 33 Third Division appearances with West Country side. Height 5'8". Weight 10 stone six pounds.

JOE HINNIGAN

Aged 21. Signed for a four-figure fee from South Liverpool. Now in his fourth season at Springfield Park. Liverpool born. Height 6'0". Weight 11 stone.

IAN SEDDON

Aged 27. Signed from Rochdale in the close season. Ex-Bolton and Cambridge inside forward. Lots of experience. Height 5'9". Weight 11 stone.

NOEL WARD

Aged 24. Signed from Aberdeen two seasons ago. Played for Portadown in Northern Ireland before being transferred to Aberdeen. Born in Straban, Northern Ireland. Height 6'2". Weight 13 stone.

FRANK CORRIGAN

Aged 24. Signed from Northwich Victoria last season and has become a warm favourite at Springfield Park. Fine ball player. Height 5'10". Weight 11 stone.

TOMMY GORE

Aged 25. Signed from Tranmere Rovers, now in his fifth season. Was player of the year 1977/78. Extremely powerful shot. Height 5'8". Weight 11 stone.

ALAN CROMPTON

Aged 20. Ex-Blackburn and Sunderland inside forward. Signed in the close season. Height 5'6". Weight 10 stone.

IAN PURDIE

Aged 25. Signed in the close season from Motherwell. Previously with Aberdeen and Dundee. Scottish Under-23 International. Height 5'9". Weight 11 stone.

IAN GILLIBRAND

Aged 29. Club skipper. Has been with the club 10 seasons and has over 600 appearances under his belt. Signed originally from Arsenal. Height 5'8". Weight 10 stone 9 pounds.

JOHN WILKIE

Aged 28. Leading scorer for the last two seasons. Very quick. Signed for a four-figure fee from Elgin City in the Highland League. Height 5'7". Weight 10 stone 6 pounds.

JEFF WRIGHT

Aged 24. Signed from Netherfield four seasons ago. Excellent play-maker and also gets a fair quota of goals. Born in Alston. Height 5'11". Weight 11 stone three pounds.

PETER HOUGHTON

Aged 23. Signed last season and scored ten goals in 17 games. Previously with South Liverpool in the Premier League. Very powerful centre forward. Height 5'11". Weight 12 stone 10 pounds.

NEIL DAVIES

Aged 22. Ex-Leeds and Norwich centre-half. Signed in the close season from Swansea City. Ex-England Youth International. Height 6'0". Weight 12 stone.

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Darlington	7	7	0	0	20
Port Vale	7	6	1	0	
Wimbledon	7	5	2		
York City	7	5			
Barnsley	7				
Doncaster					
Crews					

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Supporters Club News . . .

Well done lads! It was a great result and every credit to the team for getting us into the next round. I am sure that Chester must be worrying, knowing that they have to come to Feethams.

Darlington Supporters' Club welcome Wigan today for their first visit for about 50 years and we look forward to a good game and hopefully, for both points.

We hope to have a good crowd and trust that the minority do not spoil the match for the majority.

Cheer them on.

B. WETHERILL, Chairman D.F.S.C.

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All the main prizes were claimed on Lottery No. 3, but on Lottery No. 4, where are you—you lucky people. Joe Harvey kindly made this draw for us, but unfortunately the Main prizes have not yet been claimed. So come on look through those pockets and wallets, you may be sitting on £1,000, just a reminder of those numbers again.

£1,000 0013128; £200 0006031; £100 0010794

If claims for Lottery No. 4 are not returned by today (December 9th) the £1,000, £200 and £100 Prizes will be paid to the first Three £20 winners and Reserve Numbers move into the £20 spot.

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Football League 4th Division

1978	AUGUST	F	A
12	Mansfield (LC-1st leg)	4903 ... a	1 0
15	Mansfield (LC-2nd leg)	2570 ... h	2 2
19	Stockport County	3626 ... a	0 3
22	Huddersfield Town	2549 ... h	1 0
26	AFC Bournemouth	1890 ... h	0 0
30	Fulham (League Cup 2)	3894 ... a	2 2
SEPTEMBER			
2	Hereford United	3622 ... a	0 1
5	Fulham (LC2-replay)	5061 ... h	1 0
9	Grimsby Town	2220 ... h	0 1
12	Northampton Town	3442 ... a	1 4
16	Halifax Town	1203 ... a	2 0
23	Torquay United	1639 ... h	1 2
26	Barnsley	3475 ... h	0 0
30	Aldershot	2560 ... a	1 1
OCTOBER			
3	Everton (LC-3)	23682 ... a	0 1
7	Hartlepool	4853 ... a	2 0
13	Crewe Alexandra	1919 ... h	1 1
17	Reading	1881 ... h	1 2
21	Rochdale	1272 ... a	1 2
28	Port Vale	1793 ... h	4 0
NOVEMBER			
4	Portsmouth	11394 ... a	0 3
11	Hereford United	1622 ... h	2 1
18	AFC Bournemouth	6005 ... a	2 2
25	F.A. Cup 1 Chesterfield	2682 ... h	1 1
DECEMBER			
2	Newport County	3450 ... a	1 2
6	Chesterfield F.A. Cup replay	4270 ... a	1 0
9	Wigan Athletic	...	h
16	Chester F.A. Cup 2	...	h
23	Scunthorpe United	...	h
26	Doncaster Rovers	...	a
30	Wimbledon	...	a
1979	JANUARY		
1	York City	...	h
6	Northampton (3)	...	h
13	Grimsby Town	...	a
20	Halifax Town	...	h
27	Torquay United (4)	...	a
FEBRUARY			
3	Barnsley	...	a
10	Aldershot	...	h
16	Hartlepool United	...	h
17	F.A. Cup 5	...	h
23	Crewe Alexandra	...	a
MARCH			
3	Rochdale	...	h
10	Port Vale (6)	...	a
17	Portsmouth (LCF)	...	h
24	Huddersfield Town	...	a
27	Stockport County	...	h
31	Bradford (SF)	...	a

APRIL

7	Newport County	...	h
10	Scunthorpe United	...	a
14	Doncaster Rovers	...	h
16	York City	...	a
21	Wimbledon	...	h
25	Reading	...	a
28	Wigan Athletic	...	a

MAY

5	Bradford City	...	h
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North Midland League

1978	AUGUST	F	A
16	Doncaster Rovers	...	a 2 2
	(L.C. 1—1st Leg)		
23	Doncaster Rovers	...	h 1 2
	(L.C. 1—2nd Leg)		
SEPTEMBER			
4	Sunderland	...	a 1 0
13	Chesterfield	...	h 0 0
19	Doncaster Rovers	...	h 0 1
26	Grimsby Town	...	a 0 0
OCTOBER			
4	Halifax Town	...	h 1 2
10	Hull City	...	a 1 1
18	Lincoln City	...	h 1 1
24	Mansfield Town	...	a 2 1
31	Middlesbrough	...	h 1 2
NOVEMBER			
7	Notts County	...	a 1 1
14	Rotherham United	...	h 1 3
21	Scunthorpe	...	a 2 1
28	York City	...	h p
DECEMBER			
6	Barnsley	...	a
12	Bradford City	...	h
20	Bradford City	...	a
1979	JANUARY		
2	Sunderland	...	h
10	Chesterfield	...	a
16	Doncaster Rovers	...	a
23	Grimsby Town	...	h
30	Halifax Town	...	a
FEBRUARY			
6	Hull City	...	h
13	Lincoln City	...	a
20	Mansfield Town	...	h
27	Middlesbrough	...	a
MARCH			
6	Notts County	...	h
13	Rotherham United	...	a
20	Scunthorpe United	...	h
APRIL			
3	Barnsley	...	h
10	York City	...	a

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Martin Burleigh	22	—
Jimmy Cochrane	23	—
Derek Craig	23	2
Dave Crosson	4 + 7	—
Ron Ferguson	11 + 2	4
Neil Hague	24	—
Barry Lyons	17	4 (2 pens)
Lloyd Maitland	22	1
*Clive Nattress	25	—

Phil Owers	3	—
Tom Paterson	4 + 1	2
Eric Probert	16 + 1	—
*Jimmy Seal	25	5
John Stone	24	5
Phil Taylor	0 + 2	—
Alan Walsh	7	3
*Dennis Wann	25	1

Darlington

White Shirts, Black Shorts

- 1 Martin BURLEIGH
- 2 Clive NATTRESS
- 3 Jimmy COCHRANE
- 4 Neil HAGUE
- 5 Derek CRAIG
- 6 John STONE
- 7 Eric PROBERT
- 8 Ron FERGUSON
- 9 Jimmy SEAL
- 10 Dennis WANN
- 11 Alan WALSH
- 12 Dave CROSSON

FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	19	9	1	0	21	8	3	4	2	13	12	29
Portsmouth	19	7	1	1	16	2	4	2	4	15	14	25
Reading	18	7	2	0	20	5	3	3	3	11	12	25
Barnsley	18	5	2	2	16	8	4	4	1	9	5	24
Aldershot	19	5	3	1	14	5	2	6	2	9	10	23
Grimsby	18	5	2	2	18	10	4	2	3	11	9	22
Bournemouth	18	5	2	2	14	7	2	4	3	5	5	20
Torquay	18	6	1	1	15	6	3	1	6	9	18	20
Wigan	18	6	0	3	14	9	2	3	4	5	8	19
Hereford	18	4	5	0	14	5	2	1	6	9	12	18
Stockport	18	5	2	2	14	4	1	4	4	11	16	18
Port Vale	18	1	6	2	13	13	5	0	4	15	12	18
Huddersfield	19	6	4	1	16	8	0	2	6	5	14	18
Nthampton	19	5	4	1	18	10	1	2	6	8	18	18
Newport	19	3	3	4	12	14	3	3	3	13	14	18
Hartlepool	18	3	4	2	15	11	3	2	4	6	15	18
York	18	4	2	3	10	10	3	1	5	7	14	17
Bradford	18	4	2	3	16	12	3	0	6	8	18	16
Doncaster	19	4	4	3	13	11	1	2	5	8	16	16
Scunthorpe	18	5	1	3	12	10	0	4	5	6	12	15
Darlington	19	3	3	3	10	7	2	2	6	10	18	15
Crewe	18	2	3	4	11	16	1	5	3	8	16	14
Rochdale	19	2	3	4	7	11	0	3	7	4	21	10
Halifax	19	1	2	5	4	12	0	2	9	9	24	6

Wigan Athletic

Blue and White

- 1 John BROWN
- 2 Kevin SMART
- 3 Joe HINNIGAN
- 4 Tommy GORE
- 5 Noel WARD
- 6 D. FRETWELL
- 7 F. CORRIGAN
- 8 Jeff WRIGHT
- 9 Peter HOUGHTON
- 10 N. MOORE
- 11 Ian PURDIE
- 12 D. BROWNBILL

Referee :

Anthony F. Jenkins (Scunthorpe)

Commenced refereeing in 1952 whilst serving in the R.A.F. Graduated via the Lincolnshire, North Regional and Northern Premier Leagues to the Football League list. Was referee for the 1975 Northern Premier League Cup Final, and linesman in an F.A. Charity Shield match, also U.E.F.A. Cup match in 1976/77.

A married man, he has two sons and is a Sales Supervisor, whose hobbies are swimming and gardening. He coaches referees, is Vice-Chairman of his local Referees Association.

Linesmen :

D. W. Bodley (red); B. Cox (yellow)

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SATURDAY, 16th DECEMBER. Kick-off 3.15

NORTH MIDLAND LEAGUE

v. BRADFORD

TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER. Kick-off 7.30